

Meeting started at 5.35pm – 3/3/2015

Apologies; Banu running late. Julie has resigned due to family illness. Andy apologised.

Minutes of Jan meeting. Website needs updating with the minutes of Dec and Jan. Otherwise there were no matters arising.

Presidents report:

JE announced that the secretary has stood down from the position due to personal issues.

As February meeting effectively didn't take place, we thought that March's meeting would be Feb & Mar.

A quick update in regards to Sturts farm, we are waiting on a start date to give to the butcher so we can start a trial run.

Treasurers report. Also TB to write to council to see if/what they need funding re Xmas lights

Here are the current figures for our Chamber account;

Balance = £3,129.80

Pram Race Funds = £907.20

True Balance = £2,222.60

New Members for February = L Tufft

Monies in = £40 membership    Monies Out = £29.89 for VIP evening at the Barrington.

Membership; James has done the invoices, TB to dispatch. We need to elect a membership secretary. Jo has now missed 4 regular meetings with no apologies or attended any other meetings. The committee in accordance with the constitution have no choice but to remove Jo from the Executive Committee. Jo will be welcomed back should she so wish, JE will formally write to Jo to advise her of the situation. Overall it was agreed that we should continue to build chamber and focus on bringing value to our members. Despite the depleted numbers on the committee we are to keep persevering and encourage members to join in the various events and meetings.



Renewals update, covered under membership

Clothing; Phil. No further action until we have had the next meeting.

Point raised about the invitation from Cafe 37 for regular meetings. It is felt that meeting in a public venue is not conducive but we could all visit there for a less formal meeting.

6.10 Banu and Stuart arrived

Banu; Dorset Chamber have offered to take us under their wing and help if needs be. Stuart; FCOC need to review our direction and get our members more active within chamber in general.

Events update; as per my email last week. Phil, Golf paperwork is been readied for next week. Feedback about VIP night has been positive. Beer festival been organised. Last Thursday drinks are carrying on and available for members. Stuart needs to speak to Vanessa about the date of light switch.

£20 given by Bad Apple solutions to pay for part membership.

Next events meeting possibly next Tuesday

Banu; Dorset Chamber want to come and see us about becoming part of their set up etc. we will allow this to find out precisely what its about and what the cost is, if any.

TB to send out a list of members to mentor with the help of Stuart. We can then invite to meetings and also recruit. This personal approach to our members will be an alternative to group emails and may prove a effective way of communicating with members, helping with finding new committee members as well.

Next meeting – 7/4/2015